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Japanese Repeat the Attack on Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN VESSELS ARE DISABLED

Same Three Russian Cruisers Are Again Sent Out, but Are Forced to Retire—One Torpedo Boat Is Reported to Have Been Sunk—Other War News.

London, March 1.—The Japanese made another attack upon Port Arthur, the bombardment lasting two hours.

A dispatch from Yia Kow dated Feb. 29 says: "Fifteen Japanese warships furiously bombarded Port Arthur from 10 until 12 o'clock this morning. The Russian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan, accompanied by four torpedo boats, steamed out to meet the attack. They were, however, forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking condition. The Novik was badly damaged and a torpedo boat was sunk. The Russian battleship Retvizan was again damaged. The Japanese withdrew in good order."

The pause in the war operations in the far east has been broken by another attack on Port Arthur, after which only the foregoing brief account is yet to hand. This report, however, shows a repetition of the now familiar tactics of Japanese, and it is presumed that this attack was made in bad weather, previous telegraphic advices having reported a severe gale raging at Port Arthur.

As usual the Japanese did not remain long enough off the harbor to enable the gunners at the forts to get their range. Again, also, the same three cruisers, the Bayan, the Askold and the Novik, came out to meet the attack, and this suggests that either they were the only effective ships there or that the larger battleships were unable to get out.

Japs Forced to Retreat.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—A dispatch received here from Liao Yang and dated Feb. 26 says that Chinese on the Yalu river report that an advance guard of Russian cavalry, which has penetrated Korea for a distance of about 200 versts across the river, had an encounter with a detachment of Japanese and that the Japanese were compelled to retreat and fled, leaving their horses, which were seized by Cossacks. General Lievitich dispatched cavalry and a body of infantry in pursuit, and with an order to occupy northern Korea.

Vladivostok Reported Blockaded.

London, Feb. 29.—Vladivostok has been blockaded by a Japanese fleet since Thursday, according to a Daily Mail dispatch from Hakodate, which adds that incoming steamers report Russian cruisers on the east coast of Korea, in the bay of Sendai. Japanese warships have been reported in the vicinity of Vladivostok, but this report of a blockade, although considered probable, has not yet been confirmed from other sources.

Chinese Troops on Frontier.

Peking, Feb. 29.—Since Feb. 23 four troop trains have left Pao Ting Fu for the northeastern frontier. The last contingent left Sunday on two trains, completing the force of 10,000 men. These troops are all regulars, and their equipment is excellent. They will be replaced by troops from Shan Tung province.

Russia Will Investigate.

Washington, March 1.—A searching inquiry will be made by the Russian authorities in the effort to place the responsibility for the false report that Commander Marshall, commanding the American gunboat Vicksburg at Chemulpo, had refused to rescue the sailors from the Varig.

Reports Chemulpo Affair.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The navy department received a cablegram from Commander Marshall, of the Vicksburg, saying that he was among the first to offer assistance to the Russian sailors aboard the Varig and Korietz at Chemulpo. The cablegram is badly garbled.

Korean Soldiers Dispersed.

Tokyo, Feb. 29.—Korean soldiers on the Ham Gyeng frontier have been attacked and dispersed by Russian troops.

Died While Being Spanked.

Lancaster, O., March 1.—Sylvester Crouch, a 14-year-old inmate of the state industrial school, died after having been punished for an infraction of the rules. While the boy was being spanked he collapsed. The officials of the industrial home and physicians tried to resuscitate him, but without success. After a post-mortem the physicians declared that death resulted from heart disease. Crouch was sent to Lancaster from Findlay.

Six Hundred Slain.

Washington, March 1.—The war department is in receipt of a cablegram from Manila in which General Wade advises the department of a report of General Wood concerning an engagement at Jolo with the remnants of Hassan's Moros. The Moros' loss is estimated at 600, the American forces having seven wounded.

Train Held Up.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 29.—Word has just been received here that Alabama Great Southern passenger train No. 2 was held up by train robbers and two railway mail clerks killed.

Blizzard in Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 1.—A severe blizzard is reported in northern and western portions of Wisconsin.

ALL ARE CONVICTED.

Postal Trial Results in Verdict of Guilty as Charged.

Washington, Feb. 29.—The defendants in the postal trials are crushed by the sentences meted out to them. Two years in the Moundsville penitentiary in West Virginia, and each to a pay a fine of \$10,000, was handed out to A. W. Machen, Diller B. Groff and George E. Lorenz, the postal conspirators, by Judge Pritchard. The judge being, as he openly avowed, in sympathy with the justice of the verdict, refused a new trial and refused a suspension of sentence. In the case of Samuel J. Wilson, whom the government asked the jury to acquit, nevertheless convicted, a suspension of sentence for four days was granted to pave the way for an argument for a new trial.

Cleveland Dies With Negro.

Washington, March 1.—During consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill in the house Mr. Scott (Kan.) made the declaration that a negro had died at the White House with President Cleveland during the latter's first administration. The statement was prompted by a reference by Mr. Gilmer (Ky.) to the dining of Booker Washington at the White House. When the name was demanded Mr. Scott said it was C. H. J. Taylor, who was appointed by President Cleveland as recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia. Mr. Gilmer observed that he and others never had heard of the incident, but the Democrats were not particularly claiming Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Cochran (Mo.) said it was but cumulative evidence that "there is no better Republican in the country than Grover Cleveland."

Jeffries to Fight Munroe.

New York, March 1.—Jim Jeffries and Jack Munroe signed articles to fight for heavyweight championship of the world at the Yosemite Athletic club, San Francisco, during the last week in May. A purse of \$25,000 is guaranteed. Eddie Graney of San Francisco was agreed on for referee. The purse is to be divided, 65 per cent to the winner and 35 per cent to the loser. The stakeholder will be Harry Corbett of San Francisco. Each man is to put up a forfeit of \$5,000 and the club is also to post a forfeit of \$5,000. James G. Kennedy of the Yosemite club offered \$20,000 at first, but when this was declined he raised his offer to \$25,000. Billy Delaney represented Jeffries and Harry Pollock spoke for Munroe.

British Press Hurts Yankees.

Chicago, March 1.—A dispatch was received in this city indicating the attitude of the British press toward the United States. The message was sent to Chicago by Thomas Smith, American consul at Moscow, Russia, and was directed to a business house in this city. The message was as follows: "Unless vigorous steps are taken to offset continued statements of the British press that the American government is hostile, and with the exploitation of every incident that can arouse mutual distrust and hatred, our merchants and manufacturers may as well leave this field to Germans, who know how to profit by this alleged hostility."

Bank at World's Fair.

St. Louis, March 1.—To facilitate the handling of large sums of money during the exposition period, 17 of the largest banks and trust companies of St. Louis have organized the Bankers' World's Fair National bank, chartered by the federal government and capitalized at \$200,000. The specific purpose of the bank is to have a convenient depository for the government funds, the rate receipts of the world's fair and the concession fees and for all those that wish to deposit their money for safe keeping. The bank, which will be located in the side grounds, will cease to exist with the close of the exposition.

Forgot His Identity.

San Francisco, March 1.—Four days ago a man called at the Central emergency hospital and said he had forgotten his identity. He has since been detained under the name of John B. Stockton, a mail clerk; the serious wounding of J. A. Bass, another mail clerk, and the robbery of the mail car on the Alabama Great Southern train which left this city Monday morning for Birmingham. Paris was captured, and followed following a bloody trail, with bits of registered letters, the man Paris was found.

Died on Wife's Grave.

St. Louis, Ky., Feb. 29.—Lying beneath the grave of his wife, which he had visited, rain or shine, for a week since her death, the body of George Cook was found. A retired contractor, was found in a cave Hill cemetery. Death had taken him and the dead hand still clutched a revolver, one chamber of which was empty. Cook was 55 years old and had grieved constantly since his wife's death.

Twelve Die From Fire.

Reverend, Que., March 1.—Twelve lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the home of Thomas Guay at St. Filicien. In the home at the time were the eight small children of Thomas Guay, Mrs. Phillip Gagnon and her three small children. Both Gagnon and Guay, the fathers, were absent working in the woods.

Hotel Burns; Guests Escape.

Livingson, Mont., March 1.—Fire that started in the Park hotel destroyed the postoffice block, in which the hotel and a number of business houses and professional offices were located. The loss is about \$100,000. Guests escaped from the hotel in their night clothes.

Woman Kills Husband.

Texas, Tex., March 1.—Benjamin H. Dresser, a painter, was shot and killed by his wife at their home here. The woman claims self-defense.

FOURTEEN LIVES LOST.

Fire Attacks Steamer While Pitching About in a Gale.

Port Townsend, Wash., Feb. 29.—After battling with fire below main deck, during a severe storm, which threatened to send the vessel to the bottom, the steamer Queen finally reached this port. Fourteen lives were lost and the craft is badly damaged.

About 3:45 o'clock Saturday morning, while off the mouth of the Columbia river the Queen caught fire in her after saloon in some unexplained way. With indescribable swiftness the fire gained headway and threatened soon to envelop the whole ship. To add to the horror the heavy seas running meant death to any sent away in the lifeboats. The flames became more and more threatening until, when it seemed a choice of deaths, Captain Cousins ordered the lifeboats launched. They were manned by the crew and ordered to remain close to the ship. Into these the women and children were placed. Hardly, however, had the boats been cast loose than, unable to weather the fierce waves, two of them were capsized. The passengers and those of the crew who remained on board continued their fight against the flames with increasing success until, at 7:40 a. m., the fire was brought under control. When it was thought the danger from fire was past Captain Cousins recalled the lifeboats and the occupants were taken aboard.

Coal Operator Missing.

Owensboro, Ky., Feb. 29.—Guy M. Deane of Owensboro, one of the most prominent coal operators of the south, is missing. His family knows nothing concerning his whereabouts. Foul play is suspected. Deane is supposed to have left Jackson, Miss., for Owensboro, Thursday, Feb. 18. Until Sunday no clew as to his past whereabouts was obtained. It is claimed now Deane was seen in Owensboro Friday night, Feb. 19, at the home of Mrs. W. G. Hardwick, a widow and distant relative of the missing man. Mrs. Hardwick says he remained at her house only a few minutes and came for a social call, but while there he seemed to be excited. Two people claim to have seen him going toward the station the next morning. Since that time there has not been the slightest clew to his whereabouts. His business partners claim his financial affairs are all right.

Ten Millions For Philippines.

Washington, March 1.—Representative Cooper of Wisconsin introduced a bill amending in several important ways the act providing a civil form of government for the Philippines. The bill was prepared by Secretary Taft. Its first provision is that all bonds issued by the government of the Philippines shall be exempt from taxation either by the government of the United States or the government of the Philippines. Five per cent bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000 are authorized for public improvements in the Philippines. These bonds are to be approved by the president and secretary of war, and are to be used to provide for port and harbor works, roads, bridges, provincial and municipal schools, courthouses and penal institutions. Five per cent municipal bonds also are authorized to carry on municipal governments.

Trust Company Suspends.

Boston, March 1.—Fred S. Hall of Taunton was appointed receiver of the Taunton Safe Deposit and Trust company. The company closed its doors on Saturday, the savings bank commissioners having secured an injunction on the ground that a shrinkage in its investments made it hazardous for the concern to continue. Counsel for the bank for the commissioners informed the court that the liabilities were \$150,000. Counsel stated also that the bad debts of the company would wipe out its capital of \$200,000.

Troops Guard Negro.

Meriden, Miss., March 1.—Three full companies of state troops surrounded the county jail here, in which is lodged J. P. Paris, a negro, who is charged with the killing of John R. Stockton, a mail clerk; the serious wounding of J. A. Bass, another mail clerk, and the robbery of the mail car on the Alabama Great Southern train which left this city Monday morning for Birmingham. Paris was captured, and followed following a bloody trail, with bits of registered letters, the man Paris was found.

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PITHY ITEMS OF NEWS

ATOMS OF INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONS AND THINGS.

Current Events of the Week Systematically Collected From Day to Day in the Briefest Form and Reserved For This Column.

TUESDAY.

Maria Wanser, colored, 107, is dead at Youngstown, O.

Boiler-makers strike on Southern Pacific railway lines is ended.

After attempting to rob a bank at Camden, Del., the thieves started a fire which burned the building.

Typhoid epidemic in Columbus, O., is now abating. Total deaths 128, with number of cases reported 1,522.

One German officer was killed and eight men wounded in a revolt by the native troops in Kamerun, a province of Germany in West Africa.

Unable to bear her husband's disgrace Mrs. Horace G. Allis, Little Rock, Ark., hanged herself. Her husband was recently paroled from prison for wrecking a bank.

MONDAY.

At Jackson, Mich., John B. Huddy shot his wife and himself. Both are dead.

Schoolboys fought at Benwood, O., and Paul Barrackman, it was stabbed in the neck and killed.

The orders of Edwin V. Morgan, appointed and confirmed as American consul to Danly, to proceed to that post, have been suspended.

The battleship Wisconsin has beaten the world's record with 13-inch guns, its expert gunners having made nine bullseyes out of ten shots fired within ten minutes.

William Nelson, Cromwell, New York attorney, is to receive a fee of \$2,000,000 from the Panama Canal company for his labors in securing a ratification of the treaty.

High school students at Youngstown, O., held a scholar under pump. His clothes were wet through and frozen to ground. Authorities are investigating the case of "hazing."

SATURDAY.

Strike is threatened of some 3,500 painters and decorators in Chicago.

Austria expects to intervene in the Balkans in co-operation with Russia.

The car famine has reached an acute stage in the Pittsburgh district and coal and coke shipments are seriously affected.

President Roosevelt signed the proclamation putting into effect the treaty with Panama regarding the isthmian canal.

James Warden, 102, oldest exponent of Methodism in the world, is dead at Baltimore. He ended his days in an almshouse.

Mrs. C. B. Fountain and Mrs. A. Hague, Valley Junction, Ia., were killed by being caught by an elevator in Iowa statehouse at Des Moines.

At Columbus, O., Lewis Harmon was reconvicted of the murder of George Geyer, an aged farmer, residing near Alton. The jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree without recommendation of mercy.

FRIDAY.

Elsie and Robert Shonafelt, aged six and four years, were burned to death at Johnstown, Pa.

Three lives were lost in a fire which threatened the business section of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Captain Avery Henderson, prominent resident of Sandusky, O., was killed by a snowslide at Roosevelt, Idaho.

J. L. Caldwell of West Virginia issued a statement withdrawing from the race for United States senator from that state.

Cracksmen robbed four stores, blew one safe and attempted to enter another in a raid on Tippecanoe City, O. They got little booty.

President Roosevelt signed the ratifications to be exchanged between the United States and the republic of Panama on the isthmian canal treaty.

John Conroy, convicted for killing his wife, was hanged in the county jail yard at Pittsburg. He was very weak and had to be supported to the scaffold.

THURSDAY.

Six miners were killed by a snowslide near Crested Butte, Mont.

A general arbitration treaty between the United States and France is being drawn.

The Baltimore Stock Exchange resumed business for the first time since the fire.

Sophia Gabb, reputed to be 129 years old, died at the home for the aged infirm at Chicago.

The Wells Fargo Express company was robbed of \$90,000 at Irapuato, Mexico. Details are lacking.

A tornado on the Quinalt Indian reservation, Washington, wrecked buildings, killing and injuring several persons.

WEDNESDAY.

A receiver was appointed for Corning Savings bank, Corning, Ia.

W. Bourke Cockran was elected to congress from New York city, succeeding Mayor McClellan.

The war department issued orders for the entire Third regiment of infantry to proceed to the Isthmus of Panama.

The exhibit of Japan to St. Louis exposition is the most valuable cargo ever received at the port of San Francisco.

At Torre Haute, Ind., Jerry Duncan, a section hand, murdered Mrs. Ben Ramsey, her daughter, aged four, and son, aged two. He was jealous. He gave himself up.

James Martin, a murderer, was hanged at Butte, Mont. Just before the trap was sprung the lights were turned off, the thud only announcing the fall of the trap.

BUNCHED PARAGRAPHS

RELATING TO AFFAIRS IN THIS AND ADJOINING STATES.

Mrs. Marcum Sues Hargis and Others For Damages on Account of Husband's Death—Shortage Charged Against Man on Honey-moon.

Winchester, Ky., Feb. 29.—Sult was filed in the Clark circuit court by Abrella Marcum, for herself and children, against James Hargis, Alex. Hargis, Ed Callahan and B. F. French for \$100,000 alleged damages. Mrs. Marcum alleges that the defendants entered into a conspiracy to murder her husband, the late J. B. Marcum.

The petition recites that on some day in 1903, not known to the plaintiff, the defendants, James Hargis, Alex. Hargis, Ed Callahan and B. F. French, formed and entered into a conspiracy with Curtis Jett and Thomas White to kill J. B. Marcum. It further alleges that, pursuant to the alleged conspiracy, and while it is said to have existed, Jett and White shot and killed J. B. Marcum.

Killed Two; Gave Himself Up. Lexington, Ky., Feb. 29.—Ruff Sharp, aged 28, a young farmer, shot and killed Gret Hopper, a white man, and Ed Waite, colored, near Athens.

A few nights ago corn was stolen from Sharps farm. He located it on an adjoining farm and has maintained a secret watch on it ever since. Just before 8 o'clock at night Hopper and Waite came along and entered the field. Sharp saw them, and, waiting until they came out with the corn in their possession, he shot and killed both. After the killing he drove to the city and surrendered to Captain Jenkins and Lieutenant Overlin of the local police force.

He was placed in jail. Sharp is well thought of in the community. He is married and has a family.

Incendiaries at Work.

Somerset, Ky., Feb. 27.—Incendiaries have visited the house of Amy Miller in Wayne county three times within 24 hours, burning his house and two large barns. Miller is one of the wealthiest farmers in Wayne county and lives near the Tennessee border. Thursday night his residence was burned with all the contents. A few hours later one of his barns was destroyed. Friday night another barn was destroyed. The loss will reach \$12,000. Bloodhounds have been sent for but can not reach the place until late this afternoon, as it is over 40 miles from a railroad.

Would Abolish Hip Pockets. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 29.—In affirming a manslaughter case in the supreme court Judge Wilkes said the "hip pocket" defense was one of the most difficult with which criminal courts have to deal. It was the never-failing reliance of the pistol packer and user. He was persuaded, he said, that hip pockets should be prohibited by law, and that it should be made a felony for a tailor to put one in trousers. If worn at all, the pockets should be in front. "The general welfare of society," he continued, "demanded that hip pockets be formally abolished."

Shortage Is Alleged. Louisville, Ky., Feb. 29.—Sydney Sladden, who since 1892 had been state manager of the Pacific Mutual life insurance company in this city, is charged by Superintendent Sale with being short \$4,000. He says the amount may go higher, but no more than \$10,000. Sladden is now on his way to Europe to spend his honeymoon. News was received here last Monday that Sladden had been married in Washington to Miss Elizabeth Deakins Wilson, said to belong to a prominent family.

Strike of Butchers.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 26.—The strike of 200 butchers employed by the Louisville Packing company over a wage difference has reached an acute stage. President M. J. Donnelly of the National Meat Cutters' union announcing that if the demands are not acceded to he will call out every butcher employed by the Cudahy interests in all parts of the United States.

Four Drowned. Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 27.—The opening of the lumber season here was signalized by the drowning of four men and the narrow escape of two others. A large raft of lumber struck a dam at Campbell's shoals, 14 miles above Knoxville, and as a result James and William Wood, Frank Evans and Joe Bueshl were drowned when it broke up.

Train Hits Two Girls. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 29.—Near Goodlettsville, Tenn., on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, Misses Margaret and Mary Patton, who were carrying the mail on a rural route in a covered wagon, were struck by a fast mail train. Margaret was killed. Her sister sustained several fractures and internal injuries.

Unknown Man Murdered. Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 26.—Jake Cohen of Dingess was arrested and taken to Williamson, charged with having murdered an unknown man near Doane, robbery being the motive. The body of the murdered man had been hidden under stones and leaves on the hillside. The body can not be identified.

Attorney Indicted. Jackson, Ky., Feb. 26.—The grand jury returned indictments against B. F. French, attorney for Curtis Jett and Ed Callahan, former sheriff of Breathitt county, on the charge of subornation of perjury in the late Jett-White murder trials.



THE INFANTA EULALIA AS SHE APPEARS TODAY.

The Infanta Eulalia, who was the guest of the United States in 1893 during the World's fair, Chicago, recently received permission to have her two sons lay wreaths upon the grave of the late Queen Victoria. She is a descendant of Ferdinand and Isabella and at the World's fair represented the queen regent and infant king of Spain.

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